


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-209-C - ORDER NO. 2001-532

JUNE 4, 2001

IN RE:	Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	ORDER SETTING HEARING DATE
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to reserve a hearing date in the above-referenced matter.

On May 16, 2001, BellSouth filed a "Notice of Intent to File Section 271 Application with the Federal Communications Commission" ("Notice"). Contemporaneously with the filing of the Notice, BellSouth filed the direct testimony and exhibits of ten witnesses. In addition to filing the Notice with the Commission, BellSouth served courtesy copies of the Notice, and the accompanying direct testimony and exhibits, on parties who had expressed interest in this proceeding in other states or in other related proceedings. By letter dated May 18, 2001, BellSouth requested that a hearing date be reserved for this proceeding. BellSouth stated its belief that the week of July 23, 2001, is available for this hearing and requested that the hearing in this matter be set for the week of July 23, 2001.

Prior to consideration of BellSouth's request to set the hearing date in this matter, several parties and potential parties submitted comments on BellSouth's request. AT&T

Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (“AT&T”) filed a Petition to Intervene on May 21, 2001. AT&T also filed a response to BellSouth’s request to set the hearing date in which AT&T requested that the Commission deny BellSouth’s requested hearing. Also on May 21, 2001, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (collectively “Sprint”) filed a Petition to Intervene and requested that the Commission seek comments from all interested parties on an appropriate hearing schedule for the instant matter. Counsel for the South Carolina Cable Television Association (“SCCTV”) and NewSouth Communications (“NewSouth”) filed a letter indicating that both SCCTV and NewSouth would be filing Petitions to Intervene and further requested that the Commission defer consideration of BellSouth’s request.

Upon consideration of BellSouth’s request and the comments filed by the intervening parties, the Commission grants BellSouth’s request to set the week of July 23, 2001, for the hearing in the instant docket. In setting July 23, 2001, for this hearing, the Commission recognizes that the hearing on this matter may not be completed in one week. However, the Commission will open the proceeding on July 23, 2001, and will continue the proceeding to a later date if necessary.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. BellSouth's request to reserve the week of July 23, 2001, for the hearing on the instant docket is granted.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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